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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

2020 – Assistant Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College
2019 – 2020 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, NYU Furman Center

AFFILIATIONS

2020 – Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. Economics, Princeton University
2015 M.A. Economics, Princeton University
2011 B.A. Economics (with Honors), Hamilton College

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary Public economics, labor economics
Secondary Poverty and inequality, crime, discrimination, urban economics

PUBLICATIONS

“A few bad apples? Racial bias in policing” (with Felipe Goncalves), *American Economic Review* 111(5): 1406-41, May 2021.

“More COPS, less crime,” *Journal of Public Economics* 172: 174-200, April 2019.

WORKING PAPERS

“Fines and financial wellbeing.” Conditionally accepted, *Review of Economic Studies*.

“Police discretion and public safety” (with Felipe Goncalves). R&R, *JPE: Microeconomics*.

“Diversity training and employee behavior: Evidence from state police troopers” (with Matthew Ross, Stephen Ross, and Hunter Johnson).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Discrimination in police use of force” (with Felipe Goncalves & Emily Weisburst)

“Small shocks and economic mobility: Evidence from car repairs” (with Andrew Barr, Jonathan Eggleston, and Alexander Smith)

RESEARCH GRANTS

2024 – 2025 Dean of Faculty Predoctoral Associate Pilot Program (PI)
2023 Rockefeller Center Faculty Research Grant (PI)
2022 Rockefeller Center Faculty Research Grant (PI)
2020 – 2022 U.S. Department of Justice #2019-CK-WX-K028 (PI)
2020 – 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development #H21696 (Co-PI)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2023	Rees Dissertation Prize, Princeton University
2023	Rockefeller-Haney Fellowship, Dartmouth College
2021	Burke Research Initiation Award, Dartmouth College
2020	Excellence in Reviewing Award, <i>AEJ: Applied</i> and <i>AEJ: Policy</i>
2018 – 2019	Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University
2017 – 2018	Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University
2013 – 2018	Princeton University Graduate Fellowship
2013 – 2015	Industrial Relations Section Graduate Fellowship
2011	Taussig Undergraduate Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon
2011	Senior Prize in Economics, Hamilton College
2011	Soper Thesis Prize, Hamilton College
2010	Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center Fellowship, Hamilton College
2009 – 2010	Academic All-NESCAC Team

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 – 2025	CBPP, UC-Berkeley, APPAM [†] , South Carolina [†] , WashU [†]
2023 – 2024	Buffalo, NBER (discussant), TxECW (discussant), Texas A&M, SED
2022 – 2023	Duke, Brown, FRBNY, Princeton IRS Centennial Conference, Montana State Empirical Micro Conference, NBER SI (discussant)
2021 – 2022	Case Western, UBC, SEA (presenter; discussant), SDSU, Harvard Opportunity Insights, NBER SI
2020 – 2021	APPAM (presenter; discussant), Michigan Law (MJLR Symposium)
2019 – 2020	Vassar, UC-Berkeley [‡]
2018 – 2019	Princeton, Georgetown McCourt, Rochester, Chicago Booth, Boston University, Dartmouth, NYU Furman Center, Centre for Economic Performance
2017 – 2018	NBER SI*, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime*, ASSA
2016 – 2017	Hamilton College

**coauthor presentation; [†]scheduled; [‡]cancelled due to COVID-19.*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing	<i>QJE, AER, JPE, ReStud, AER: Insights, AEJ: Applied, AEJ: Policy, ReStat, JPE: Micro, JPubEc, JUE, JHR, JPAM, JLE, JLEO, ALER, Economic Journal, Applied Economics Letters, Nature: Human Behavior, Journal of Politics, Criminology and Public Policy, JQC, JCRE</i>
Service	Organizer, Dartmouth Junior Brown Bag Co-organizer, Dartmouth Applied Micro Seminar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dartmouth College

2020 –	ECON 28, Public Finance and Public Policy
2021 –	ECON 20, Econometrics

Guest Lectures

Spring 2024 Graduate Public Economics, Texas A&M
Summer 2020 Economics of Crime, Bogota Summer School in Economics
Spring 2021 Economics of Discrimination, Ramaz Upper School Economics Club

Princeton University (as TA or Tutor)

2017 ECON 343, Economic Inequality, TA
2016 WWS 507, Quantitative Analysis (MPA), Tutor
2016 WWS Junior Summer Institute, Tutor

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

2015 – 2016 Research Assistant for Prof. Janet Currie (Princeton)
2015 Research Assistant for Prof. Ilyana Kuziemko (Princeton)
2012 – 2013 Research Assistant, Industrial Relations Section (Princeton)
2011 – 2012 Research Assistant for Prof. John Donohue (Stanford Law School)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2015 – 2016 Graduate Student Advisor, Princeton Development Lab
2014 – 2016 Social Chair, Princeton Graduate Economics Club
2013 Princeton Club Lacrosse
2008 – 2011 Delta Upsilon International Fraternity (Chapter President, 2010)
2007 – 2010 Hamilton College Varsity Football
2009 – 2010 Volunteer Football Coach, Bedford (NH) High School

SKILLS

Computing: Stata, R, SQL, L^AT_EX.

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